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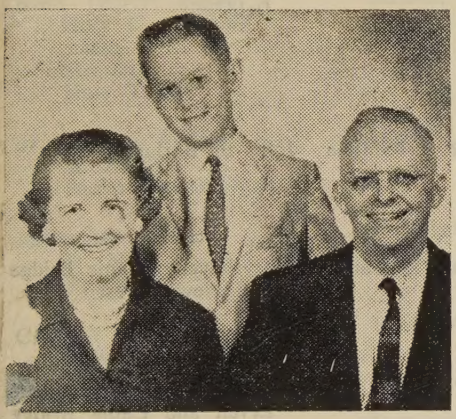
ARRIVAL OF ANOTHER MISSIONARY FAMILY.



The Rev. and Mrs. J. Brooks Moore, and Son Jim, age 12 arrived in British Guiana October 7, and will serve the Vreed-en-Hoop area West Bank, Demerara.

Pastor Moore, served as a lay-missionary in his off duty hours while in the South Pacific in New Guinea during World War II. Here he conducted a school for 70 people every day for sixteen months, and learned Pidgin English which is the common language of New Guinea. He preached to two congregations in this language every Sunday, and carried on a full missionary work, marrying, conducting funerals, bringing the Sacrament of Holy Communion and baptising. During and after the war he translated the Gospel of St. Mark into Pidgin.

Following the war years, Pastor Moore studied at the Lutheran Seminary at Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, Penna, graduating in 1949 at the age of 41. He was called to Beachwood, N. J. to develop a home mission congregation and after two and a half years, received a call to another home mission congregation at Moorestown, N. J., where he remained for ten years until the call came from the Board of Foreign Missions.

His hobbies are swimming, camping, and survival techniques. While in the States he served some time with the Civil Air Patrol as Chaplain of the Camden, N. J. Wing. Mrs. Moore's interest is in the Beginners Department of the Sunday School, where she has always worked with great joy. Jim is interested in bikes, radios, fishing, camping, and peanut butter!

The Moores presently reside at 167 Robin Place, East Bel Air Park, East Coast, Demerara, until a suitable parsonage can be provided in the Vreed-en-Hoop area.

The Church rejoices to have Pastor Moore and family labour together with us in British Guiana. We pray God's richest blessing upon Pastor Moore and family and his ministry.

RE-ALIGNMENT OF PARISHES

At a meeting of the Administrative Council held October 17—19, 1961, action was taken to re-align the parishes. For the information of our members, we now publish the new alignment of Parishes.

Name of Parish	Parish Centre	Boundaries
EMMANUEL PARISH Nativity Emmanuel St. Philip St. Matthias	Skeldon, Corentyne	Crabwood Creek and South, to No. 47 Village
ST. MICHAEL PARISH St. Barnabas St. Luke St. Stephen St. Michael St. James	Alness, Corentyne	No. 46 Village to Bloomfield
ST. JOHN PARISH St. John St. Peter St. Bartholomew	Williamsburg, Corentyne	John to Borlam
TRANSFIGURATION PARISH Transfiguration Holy Cross Bethel	Betsy Ground, E. Canje	Marysburg to Canje Bridge and New Forest
EBENEZER PARISH Ebenezer	New Amsterdam	Berbice River to Vryman's Erven and Canje Bridge to Burial Ground
ST. TIMOTHY PARISH St. Thomas St. Timothy Our Saviour St. Catherine St. Mark St. Clement	Stanleytown, Berbice	Sandvoort and East to Mara and South
REFORMATION PARISH Grace Reformation Atonement Mt. Hermon St. Paul Mt. Carmel Hururu P. P. Riverside P. P. Mt. Olivet	Kimbia, Rio Berbice	De Velde and North to Kwakwani and South
GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH Blairmont Good Shepherd Nazareth Resurrection	Rosignol, W.C., B/ce.	Blairmont and South to Expectation

Re-Alignment of Parishes— *Contd.*

Name of Parish	Parish Centre	Boundaries
ADVENT PARISH Faith Advent Hope Christ	Armadale, W.C., B/ce.	Friends Retreat to Belladrum and West
ST. MATTHEW PARISH Bethany Bethlehem P. P. Bee Hive P. P. St. Matthew	Fairfield, E.C., Dem.	Little Abary to Douchfour
HOLY TRINITY PARISH Holy Communion Salem Messiah Holy Trinity	Buxton, E.C., Dem.	Hope to Annandale
ST. ANDREW PARISH St. Andrew Sadhu Sundar Singh	Chateau Margot, E.C.D.	Lusignan to Turkeyen
REDEEMER PARISH St. Mary Redeemer	Campbellville, E.C.D.	Pattenson to Vlissengen Road and D'Urban Park
CALVARY PARISH Calvary Mt. Zion	Lacytown, Georgetown	Seawall to Princess Street, Lodge to Demerara River and Sandhills
ASCENSION PARISH .. Epiphany Ascension Mc Doom P. P. Grove P. P.	Ruimveldt, E.B., Dem.	Princess Street to Grove and South
VREED-EN-HOOP PARISH Vreed-en-Hoop P. P. Wales P. P.	Vreed-en-Hoop, W.B.D.	Demerara River to Essequibo River.

NEWS FROM THE RUIMVELDT PARISH, E.B., DEMERARA

Catechist S. G. Seeram

Rev. H. C. Magalee, Pastor

Grove Sunday School

This Sunday School is established in the heart of Grove Housing Scheme which is situated about eight miles from the city of Georgetown, and is in the hub of a population which is predominantly Hindus.

The children are indeed very enthusiastic and because of their eagerness to learn and know more about the Bible and its teachings a Junior mid-week Bible Class is organised and at the moment we are reading the Gospel of St. John.

News from the Buxton Parish — *Contd.*

Little Diamond Sunday School

This is yet another Sunday School founded in a community on the East Bank known as Little Diamond. For the present time we are meeting under the home of two young Madrasee converts who are members of Ascension Lutheran Church, Ruimveldt. One of these young men is Mr. Naraine Sammy who is a Sunday School teacher at both Sunday Schools. Mr. Sammy is preparing himself for the G.C.E. examination and we wish him every success. Like Grove Sunday School, this one also has a Bible Class for the Juniors. We are preparing at these two Sunday Schools for the blessed Christmas season in the following ways:

1. A Christmas acrostic and programme for Christmas eve.
2. A Manger scene sent out by the Sunday School Committee of our Church prepared by Miss Elaine Wagner. These colourful and meaningful work sheets in the form of 'cut outs' have taken well into the hearts of our little ones. When these 'cut outs' are fully coloured and the Manger scene completed they will be given to the children to take home.

Agricola Mc Doom

In exactly Thirty Nine days after Catechist Seeram's transfer from Epiphany Lutheran Church, Albouystown, Georgetown, a preaching point was founded at McDoom on the East Bank of Demerara on October 8, 1961 at 11.00 a.m. To mark the occasion there were delegates from Epiphany and Ascension Lutheran Churches of the Ruimveldt Parish who brought greetings of Godspeed. Messrs. Smith and Brown and Mrs. Irene Fredericks brought tidings from Ascension while Mrs. Mary Guthrie, the President of Epiphany Women's League extended her congregation's love token. The sermon was preached by the Pastor, the Rev. Hector C. Magalee. He took for his text the Pentecost story.

The foundation members of this new church are as follows: Messrs. Eric Mellington, Jai Ramdeo, Jonathan Gobin, Mrs. Yvonne Smith, Mrs. Eloise Cambridge, Miss Cleopatra Major, Miss Lilian Sobers. The Seerams will also have their membership here. The subject theme of this new congregation is "DECISION FOR CHRIST", while the theme hymn is "WE WOULD BE BUILDING".

Before the first service started, there was a "Spring-Board" service held when the film "The Unfinished Task" was projected. The attendance in our little meeting room was well over fifty. We are looking forward to the day when an edifice dedicated to the Glory of God in Christ will be raised as a living monument in this rural area and that its members be not only Pillars but living witnesses as they make their "DECISION FOR CHRIST."

Luther League

We have inaugurated our Luther League on Friday, December 1, 1961 with an attendance of TWENTY TWO young people among whom was a barrister at law a former Luther Leaguer of Holy Trinity Luther League, Buxton. Lawyer Roopchand is now a resident of Agricola Village District and has pledged to do all he possibly can for the building of this our Gethsemane Luther League. Incidentally Mr. Roopchand was honoured by being the first Guest Speaker and he spoke on a 'decision' topic: "Why I am a Luther Leaguer".

News from the Ruimveldt Parish — *Contd.*

Through the medium of this Southern Cross we want to make known what Mr. Roopchand said: "I am eternally grateful to the Luther League and the Lutheran Church what they have done for me academically, culturally, socially and spiritually." He went on saying "The Luther League has helped me tremendously and it can help you too."

We want to thank Almighty God for men such as Mr. Roopchand who has not thought of his profession above the Luther League but has pledged his support and will be in fact a Luther Leaguer of our Gethsemane Luther League.

Women's League

Another arm of the Church has loomed into being, the Women's League of Gethsemane Lutheran Church on the East Bank of Demerara. The A-B-C meeting started on Wednesday, December 6, 1961 with an attendance of THIRTY ONE persons, of this number Thirteen were 'Juniors' at such beginnings we are reminded of Cicero who wrote "Omnium rerum principia parva sunt" (The beginnings of all things are small). Small as we are, we need the prayers of the whole Church as we "launched out into the deep" in this "Venture of Faith" with the unfinished task ahead.

At our inaugural meeting Mrs. H. C. Magalee has had the aural distinction of being the first Guest Speaker. Mrs. Magalee spoke on the 'decision' topic "What Women can do and should do." She said "Women can mould the child, build a nation, and alter the course of things towards the firm establishment of the Church of Jesus Christ." She also encouraged all the ladies present to summon all their energies toward the building of this young church and to invite their many friends to Women's League and to Church.

NEWS FROM THE BUXTON PARISH, E.C., DEMERARA

Rev. Clinton E. Chu, Pastor **Catechist John S. Abdool**

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

It was a thrilling and heart warming day on November 12, 1961 when Harvest Thanksgiving Services were observed. The church was beautifully decorated and members and friends filled the church to over-flowing. In the evening another capacity crowd witnessed the special ceremony of the Blessing and Dedication of the Electric Lights in the Church, so generously donated by Mr. and Mrs. Budhu and family. A very delightful Harvest Program by the Sunday School and Luther League was next, followed by the Harvest Sales, bringing the evening to a close.

News from the Buxton Parish — *Contd.*

Pastor Chu would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members and friends who made our Harvest a wonderful success.

Apportionment News

The Lord has truly blessed us in many ways this year. Once again we have been able to meet our apportionment in full and to exceed it by a few dollars. May the Lord bless you richly as you contribute to the work of His church and the extension of His Kingdom.

On November 5, 1961, we extended the right hand of fellowship once again to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gopie who were desirous of renewing their faith in the Lord Jesus. A very inspiring Cottage Meeting was held in their home on October 14, 1961. We pray that many more lapsed members will seek to be restored to full participation in the Means of Grace, and to active membership in the life of the church of Jesus Christ. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gopie and Family.

Messiah

Our Harvest Thanksgiving and Communion Service was celebrated on November 26, 1961, when a large gathering filled the church to capacity. The preacher was Mr. Cyril Chu of Ebenezer Lutheran Church who delivered a very appropriate and inspiring message. The Church was beautifully decorated and the participants expressed their appreciation and thankfulness.

Prayer Meeting

We are happy to report that a night of every week is set aside for prayer meeting. Members and friends enjoy attending and praying. We invite you to come and join us in prayers.

Apportionment

By the help of the Lord this congregation is on the March although there is much more to be done. For the past three years we have been able to reach our financial obligation in full. This year's apportionment has also been met and exceeded.

Evangelism

An open air service was held in Brother Harry's yard when many souls were reached out with the Word of God. The prospects are being contacted as we go around visiting them as well as the sick and the shut-ins. A confirmation class therefore, is in progress.

A Miracle

Mr. Harry Persaud, a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, has been healed by Christ, the great Physician. He goes around giving testimony of God's goodness. Thank God for his healing.

Auxiliaries

Our Luther League and Sunday Schools are functioning very well although there is room for improvement. These organizations have also been able to reach their financial obligations.

May the good Lord continue to bless, guide, and sustain us as we faithfully serve Him.

Salem

On November 19, 1961 our Harvest, Thanksgiving and Communion Service was commemorated. The house, in which we worshipped was unable to offer adequate accommoda-

News from the Buxton Parish — *Contd.*

tion. At 7.00 p.m. a beautiful Harvest Programme was staged. Both Sunday School Teachers and pupils were congratulated for their splendid contribution. Everyone attended went away rejoicingly.

Apportionment

This congregation has exceeded her apportionment for 1961.

Confirmation Classes

There are two Confirmation classes, one is held on Thursday and the other on Sunday. Both classes consist of adults.

Building Fund

This congregation needs a church building to worship. She has contributed two hundred and seventy five dollars towards the building fund. We urge our members to continue to lay aside their offerings towards their new building and their furnishings.

Auxiliaries

The organization of the congregation are progressing very nicely. The Luther League and Sunday Schools have already exceeded their financial obligations.

We sincerely thank God for whatever has been accomplished and we pray for His forgiveness for our frailties.

The Pastor and Catechist wish to thank all the members and friends for their splendid help and co-operation given.

NEWS FLASH

WORLD MEMBERSHIP 72,588.59

Baptized membership in the Lutheran Churches of the world reached 72,588,559 during the past year, an increase of nearly one and one half million over the previous year, according to official annual statistics published by the Lutheran World Federation.

The summary showed gains on six continents with the largest of the membership increases in Europe, where a total of 60,088,648 Lutherans were counted — a gain of 1,103,286.

The latest world wide total offsets a loss reported last year. The Lutheran World Federation's 1960 statistical review showed a global net drop of 33,288 from the 1959 total of 71,135,068. The 1960 total was 71,101,780.

Copied from The Foreign Missionary November, 1961.

Lutheran Membership in British Guiana

Statistics for year ending December, 1961:

Baptized membership	10,289
Confirmed membership	4,214
Communing membership	3,213
Number of congregations	49
Number of Preaching Points	7

Appointment of Pastor W. E. Cox as acting Secretary for British Guiana and Argentina Fields.

We are happy to learn that Pastor Cox has been appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions to act as temporary secretary for British Guiana and Argentina fields.

News Flash — *Contd.*

Acting treasurer for Church in British Guiana.

In view of Pastor D. R. Gebert's forthcoming departure on furlough the Board appointed Pastor P. G. Hansen as acting Treasurer. Pastor Hansen's address is 208 Sheriff Street, Campbellville, East Coast, Demerara.

Evangelism and Stewardship

For the first time in the history of our Church the Evangelism budget for 1961 was overspent. Statistics reveal that we gained for the year, 316 communing members.

Ninety per cent $31,406.67 of our 1961 apportionment goal of $35,000.00 was received.

SUMMARY OF THE 1961 APPORTIONMENT

Parish	Apportionment	Received Congregations	Preaching Points	Total	Over	Deficit	Per Cent
1. Skeldon	$1,900.00	$1,650.00	$250.00	$1,900.00			100%
2. Alness	1,937.50	1,962.50		1,962.50	$25.00		101%
3. Williamsburg	2,237.50	2,294.50		2,294.50	57.00		103%
4. East Canje	1,837.50	1,347.50		1,347.50		$490.00	73%
5. New Amsterdam	5,012.50	5,012.52		5,012.52	.02		100%
6. West Canje	2,175.00	2,175.00		2,175.00			100%
7. Mara	987.50	864.63		864.63		122.87	67%
8. Upper Berbice	5,250.00	4,109.28	379.73	4,488.91		761.09	85%
9. Rosignol	1,550.00	858.00	50.00	908.00		642.00	51%
10. Armadale	1,475.00	1,475.00		1,475.00			100%
11. Seafield	1,725.00	857.31		857.31		867.69	49%
12. Bee Hive	1,125.00	539.60	150.00	539.60		585.40	48%
13. Buxton	1,287.50	1,293.50		1,293.50	6.00		101%
14. Success	925.00	930.00		930.00	5.00		101%
15. Campbellville	1,362.50	1,362.50		1,362.50			100%
16. Georgetown	1,350.00	1,362.50		1,362.50	12.50		101%
17. Ruimveldt	2,487.50	2,308.20		2,308.20		179.30	93%
18. Vreed-en-Hoop	375.00	324.50		324.50		50.50	86%
	$35,000.00	$30,727.04	$679.63	$31,406.67	$105.52	$3,698.85	90%

Apportionment Goal 1961	$35,000.00
Received to 22/1/1962	31,406.67
Deficit	$3,593.33 .. .. 90%

The following Parishes are the first five to remit Apportionment in full:—

Calvary 24/11/1961; Buxton 5/12/1961; Success 8/12/1961; Skeldon 27/12/1961; New Amsterdam 27/12/1961.

Apportionment Figures 1957-1961

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Goal	$18,600.00	$20,000.00	$24,610.00	$28,000.00	$35,000.00
Received	13,117.00	19,239.42	22,521.83	26,801.07	31,406.67
Deficit	$ 5,483.00	$ 760.58	$ 2,088.17	$ 1,198.93	$ 3,593.33
	66.6%	96%	91.5%	95.7%	90%

Respectfully submitted,

CYRIL S. CHU,
For Stewardship Office.

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